(c) by when the clearance is likely to be given *to* these projects indicating also the increase in funds during the remaining part of the current Five Year Plan period as compared to the previous Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA): (a) As on 31,10.1995 four projects of Rajasthan namely (i) Chauli Medium Irrigation Projects, (ii) Bethali Medium Irrigation Project, (iii) Bisalpur Major Irrigation Project and (iv) Chakkan Medium Irrigation Project were received by the Planning Commission for investment clearance from Technical Advisory Committee on Major, Medium Irrigation, Flood Control and Multi-purpose Projects of the Ministry of Water Resources with their recommendation on techno-economic viability subject to the other requisite clearances being furnished by the State Government.

(b) Action is pending with the State Government to obtain the requisite clearance.

(c) Approval to these schemes depend upon the compliance of requisite clearance to be made by the State Government. The outlay of Rs. 11500 crores for the Eighth Five Year Plan of Rajasthan represents a stop-up of 283 per cent over the Seventh Five Year Plan outlay of Rs. 3000 crorcs. During first four years of the Eighth Five Year Plan, an aggregate outlay of Rs. 8,750 crorcs has been approved. Annual Plan outlay for 1996-97 is yet to be finalised.

Duty Drawback Scheme for Physical Exports

*20. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA J1CHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian exporters have been enthusiastic about the duty drawback scheme for physical exports;

(b) whether this scheme has actually improved the competitive edge of Indian exporters in the international market, and

(c) what is the actual amount claimed by the exporters so far during the year 1995 under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir, as the exporters are reimbursed the Customs and Central Excise duties paid by them on the various inputs used in the export product.

(c) As per information available in the Directorate of Drawback during 1995 about Rs. 1830 crorcs have been disbursed as drawback upto October 1995.

Laws Governing Exports to Middle East Countries

11. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exports to Middle East countries arc governed by special laws and that the products exported to these countries should not use any component or material of their enemy countries like Israel;

(b) if so, what are the broad features of their export laws which are distinctive; and

(c) what precautions are taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There arc no special laws, rules or regulations governing exports or products for exports to Middle East countries;

(b) and (c) Do not arise.